

## LEWIS INSTITUTE

CHICAGO

Dec. 17, 1912

My dear President Judson:

May it not be possible to arrange that Mr. Tagore, the most eminent man of letters in all India, should give five lectures at the University in January or February, on "Religious Ideals"? He will be in Chicago during these months. I feel certain that his treatment of the subject would be eminently sane, and he is a fine speaker. His father was the founder of the Brahmo Samaj, which has always been free from nonsense. Chicago has not heard a thoroughly scholarly and level-headed Hindoo since 1893, when Moogomdar was here.

He is now at Urbana, with his son, a student there. He has rather shunned the great cities and their lionizing. He is in America because he has recently lost his children and then his wife, & in his sorrow he has come here to be with his son. But he is coming to Chicago soon after Christmas.

I enclose a note from him to me, in response to an inquiry as to how I might serve him here. The students to whom he refers are engineering students mostly. It seems that they printed an article about me in the Calcutta "Modern Review." I enclose from the same review an account of the recent festival in honor of Tagore. Also a clipping from the London Times, well worth reading, and another from "Portry". Kindly return the note and the clippings.

Yours truly

E. H. Lewis

President Harry Pratt Judson

Dear Sir,

Enclosed find

the report of the committee on the subject of the Lewis Institute, which has been prepared by the committee during the past few months. The report contains a full and complete statement of the facts and circumstances connected with the proposed building, and also a list of the names of the persons who have contributed to the fund for the same. It is believed that the report will be of great interest to you, and that it will also be of great value to the public. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
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Tagore

Lectures

Jan. 15, 1913

My dear Dr. Robertson:

In reply to your note, I earnestly beg the president to write directly to Mr. Tagore at the enclosed address and invite him. Mr. Tagore is not seeking lecture engagements, and will not come at all to Chicago unless invited. It was I who wrote to him first. I feel it a disgrace that a man who commands an audience of 20,000 people anywhere he chooses to speak in Calcutta should be within so short a distance of Chicago & not be invited by the most dignified intellectual interests of our Babylon to appear here.

As to an honorarium, I don't suppose he will accept one. But if should he offered. I would rather pay \$50 myself than see him offered less.

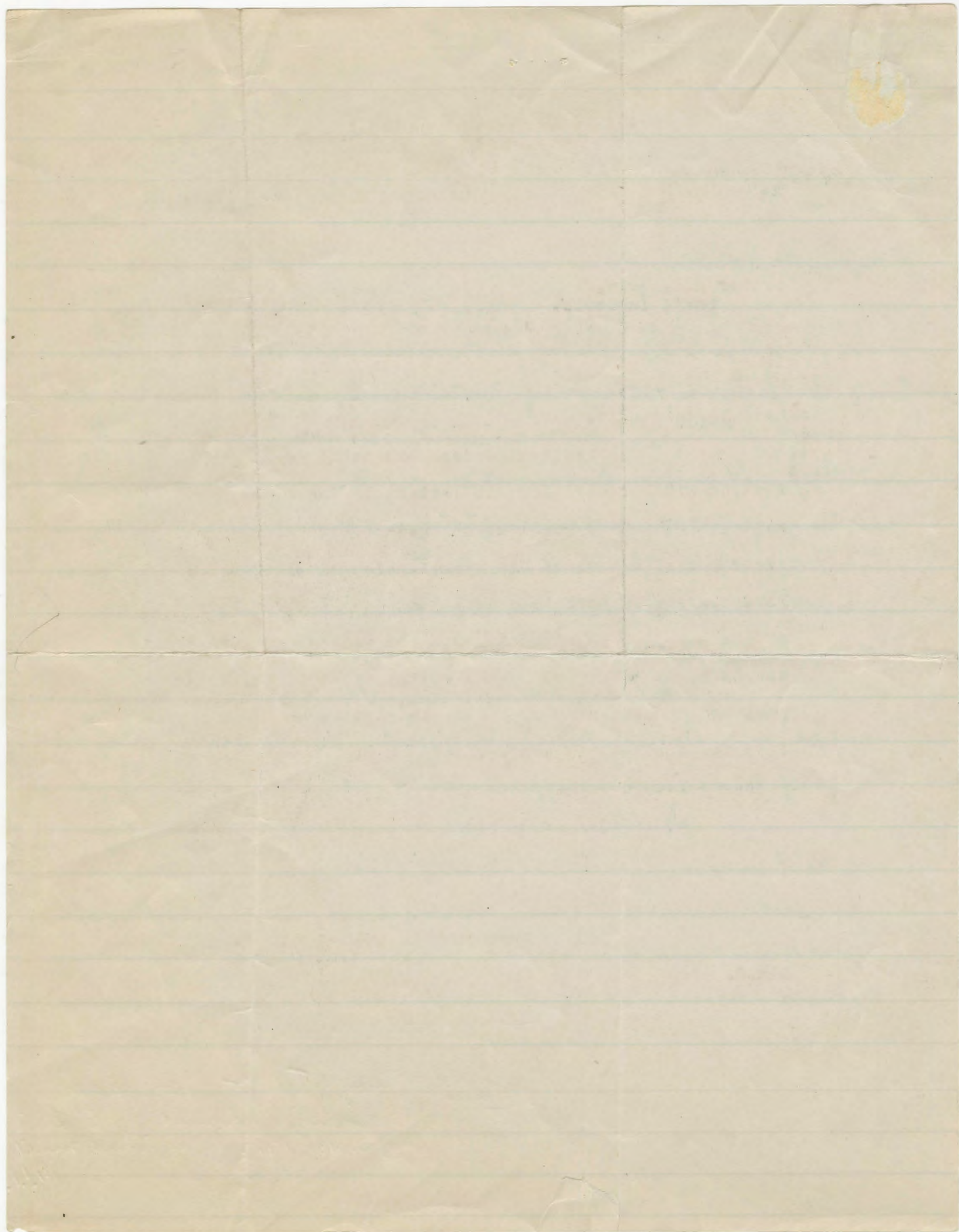
It is now a month since I made application to the President, and I earnestly hope that Mr. Tagore will not decline to come because of the delay. He is a great spirited man, & England has him to thank that Bengali Disaffection did not burst into flame four years ago.

Yours truly

E. W. Lewis

two letters & two paper  
clippings returned to Dr. Lewis  
Jan 18, 1913 by registered mail

Mr. Tagore's son sent me, at my request, some clippings. Please get them back for me, W. L. P.  
with you, & then his letters of his father, which I treasure. kindly register.





Chicago, January 13, 1913.

Doctor E.H.Lewis,  
Lewis Institute,  
Chicago.

Dear Doctor Lewis,

President Judson has asked me to say that he will arrange for one lecture by Tagore but the subject I think we shall be obliged to have you suggest since you know him and his capabilities as a lecturer. Personally I am more interested in what he might say of his own poetry and modern Bengali literature than I should be in a lecture on the religions of India. Will you, in communicating with him, learn what he would like to offer as his subject so that we may make the proper announcements.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to the President.

DAR.C.



Chicago, August 22, 1911

Doctor E. R. Lewis,  
Latta Institute,  
Chicago

Dear Doctor Lewis,

Your letter of August 15th has been received and I am glad to hear that you will accept the offer of a position in the laboratory of the Latta Institute. I am sure that you will find the work very interesting and that you will be able to do it to the satisfaction of all concerned. I am sure that you will find the work very interesting and that you will be able to do it to the satisfaction of all concerned. I am sure that you will find the work very interesting and that you will be able to do it to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Respectfully,  
E. R. Lewis

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Field

Chicago, January 16, 1913.

*Tagore*  
Memorandum to Mr James A. Field,.

The guest room from Sunday night to Saturday, the 25th, has been reserved for Tagore, the Bengali poet, who has been invited to lecture at the University next Thursday and who may accept the invitation to stay at Hitchcock. If he comes I should like to have him put up for the week at the Quadrangle Club as the University preachers are put up. He may have his son with him; in that case both ought to be permitted to use the building. I have asked him to be the guest Tuesday night at 10 o'clock and, if he so desires, to read some of his own poems.

Tagore is the Bengali poet who was so enthusiastically acclaimed recently in London where he was especially entertained at a huge dinner presided over by William Butler Yeats. To Tagore the British Government owes more than to any man the present control of the Bengal situation. That hot-bed of Indian disturbances seems to be utterly under Tagore's control and when he speaks in Bengal or Calcutta he often gets an audience of 22,000 people. His son has been studying in the University of Illinois and he himself is about to go East to see something more of the United States than he has yet seen. On his way he will probably lecture for the University and pay the visit which I have outlined. He is, by the way, the subject of an interesting article in a recent number of "Poetry."

DAR.C.



October, January 1911

Memorandum to the Board of Directors

The first two years of the history of the  
company have been marked by a rapid growth  
and expansion of the business. The  
company has been able to secure a  
large and loyal customer base and  
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